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Change in trash pickup methods coming, but residents don't have to do anything differently

Dearborn, MI – You know those times when a holiday pushes back the day for your trash pickup? One's coming up Labor Day week (Sept. 3-7).

Dearborn residents should be aware of a change in trash pickup methods during these special holiday periods that will start Labor Day week. But the change doesn't require them to do anything differently. When a holiday pushes back your regular trash pickup day, you should just – as usual – put it out a day later.

What's going to be different during these special holiday periods is that residents may see trucks picking up trash on their street on their *regular* trash pickup day, as well as a day later.

“No one needs to do anything differently,” Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr., said. “People should just know that if they see this, there's nothing to worry about. They didn't miss their trash day and the truck will be back the next day as scheduled to pick up their trash.”

The special holiday periods are when trash pickups are delayed a day are New Year's Day, Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day, Labor

Day (first Monday in September), Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November) and Christmas Day.

During each of these special holiday periods, trash pickups are delayed one day for some or all areas of the city, depending on what day of the week the holiday falls on.

Holidays that fall on Mondays means everyone's trash day gets bumped back a day for that week. For example, if your trash pickup day is Monday, it would be Tuesday for that week only.

But when a holiday falls on another day, some people keep their normal pickup day and some don't. For example, during Thanksgiving week, only those with Thursday and Friday pickups get bumped back a day (for that week only). Those with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday pickups are picked up as normal.

(The best way to find out whether or not your trash pickup day is changing due to a holiday is to check the Dearborn City Calendar.)

The rule to follow stays the same – when a holiday pushes back your regular trash pickup day, put it out a day later – even though from now on during these special holiday periods residents may see trucks picking up trash on their street on their *regular* trash pickup day, as well as a day later.

The reason is that – during these special holiday periods only – once trash crews complete pickups in the area of the city that's scheduled for a given day, they may also do some pickups *that same day* in the area scheduled for the *following* day.

But it's critical to remember that the crews will come back the following day to do pickups throughout the *entire* area as scheduled, so residents do not have to do anything differently. Just continue to follow the rule that when a holiday pushes back your regular trash pickup day, put it out a day later, and it will be picked up.

This change – agreed to by the City of Dearborn and its contracted trash collection firm, Waste Management – will not cost taxpayers any money. The change will allow trash collection crews to minimize the hours worked on the following Saturday during these special holiday periods.

Finally, Dearborn residents are reminded about the following rules regarding curbside trash, recycling and yard waste collection:

- Do not put trash, recycling or yard waste at the curb any earlier than 5 p.m. the day before pickup, and no later than 7 a.m. the day of pickup.
- Containers must be removed by midnight the day of pickup.
- The following items are not accepted at any time for curbside pickup: propane tanks, car batteries, tires and non-latex paint. Latex paint which has been dried out, and the can lid removed, can be put out for curbside pickup.
- Yard waste put out for pickup must be in paper yard waste bags or in 20-32 gallon containers with a yard waste sticker on the lid. Yard waste in cardboard boxes or in plastic bags will **not** be picked up.

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